

COMMUNITY & DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

The first settlers came to the Barrington area in the 1830s and began developing small settlements by building farms and cabins in the area. In 1854 the Illinois and Wisconsin Railroad (the forerunner to the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad) purchased 40 acres of land at the heart of modern day Barrington. The

Railroad divided up the land and sold the plots to people interested in constructing homes and business. In 1865, slightly more than a decade after the original parceling up of land by the railroad, the Village of Barrington was incorporated.

Community Overview

Date of Incorporation:	1865
Total Area (Square Miles):	6.8
Form of Government:	President/Trustee Village Manager (Established by Ordinance)
Village Bird:	Blue Heron
Village Flower:	Shooting Star

The Community grew slowly throughout the late 1800s and reached a population of approximately 1,000 in 1898 when the original Village Hall was built. In that same year, Barrington's first water well was drilled at the site of the Village Hall in response to the devastation caused by several large

fires in the community. Barrington's current Village Hall is located on the same site as the original and the water well that was originally drilled in 1898 is still in operation. Due to the charm of the community and its location along a railroad, the Village continued to attract residents throughout the first two decades of the twentieth century.

In the 1920s, advancements in transportation allowed wealthy families from Chicago to begin moving into the area and building family estate homes. The location of the Village and its attractive environment brought about this interest by those who had become wealthy during the booming 1920s. The growth in the Village's population slowed during the difficult times in the 1930s and 1940s but then resumed in the 1950s and 1960s as a result of the suburbanization in the Chicago area and the post World War II baby boom.

Barrington Today

The Village is located approximately 38 miles northwest of the Chicago Loop and encompasses a total land area of approximately 6.8 square miles. Barrington is a recognized Tree City USA community and has held this distinction for 14 consecutive years. The Village currently operates under the President/Trustee form of government with six (6) Trustees, a Village President, and a Village Clerk, all of whom are elected at large. The Corporate Authorities (Village President and Trustees) are responsible for appointing a Village Manager.

The Village is centrally located within a region in the Central Northwest Suburban Chicago Area that has encouraged limited development and the preservation of open space. One of the major challenges facing the community is the need to address the significant interest in residential and commercial development in the area while at

the same time preserving the character and environment of the community. The character and environment of the community are the primary reasons for the significant interest in development. The Barrington community, and the municipal organization serving that community, will address this challenge with the

"This beautiful suburban village is located on the Wisconsin Division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, thirty-two miles from the courthouse in Chicago. No place within forty miles of the great "Garden City" affords so many natural attractions as Barrington. It is on high and rolling ground, commanding in site, affording a complete natural drainage, adjacent to the most beautiful groves skirting Fox River, and others closer by; it has abundance of good water, and within four miles of the wonderfully charming Lake Zurich, Honey, Grass, and Spring Lakes all abounding with fish, and graced with beautiful pleasure boats."

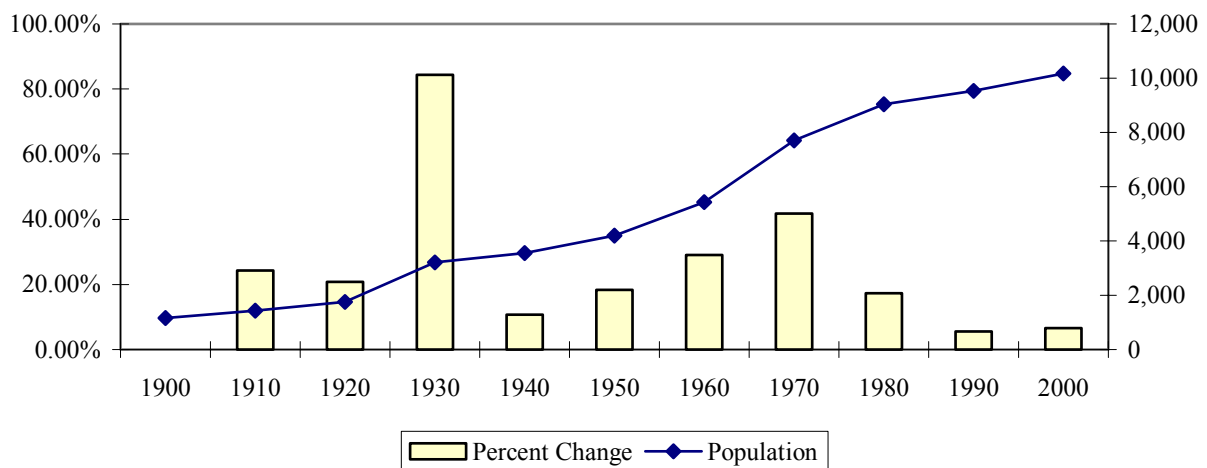
-Taken from an 1872 handbill used to attract new residents, business people, and visitors to Barrington.

same community pride and spirit that is evident on the 1872 handbill (*presented as an insert on the previous page*). The following pages provide the interested reader with an overview of the demographic characteristics of the Village of Barrington.

Population

The Village's population has financial consequences because many of the tax revenue sources received from the State of Illinois are based on population. For instance, Motor Fuel Taxes and the municipal portion of the Illinois Income Tax are distributed on a per capita basis. The population count for these revenue sources must be by an official census certified by the Bureau of the Census. The following graph illustrates the changes in actual population and the percentage change in population by decade. As demonstrated in the graph, Barrington experienced the most rapid growth in its population in the 1920s, 1960s, and 1970s.

Total Population and Percent Change by Decade, 1900 - 2000



Housing

The total number of households in Barrington, including both family (households composed of a group of related individuals) and non-family (households composed of either unrelated persons or one person) is 3,767, according to the 2000 census. This total included 2,797 family households and 970 non-family households. The total number of households increased by 278 (7.97%) from the 1990 census total of 3,489. During this time period the total population of the Village increased 6.61%. The types of housing in the Village include 2,952 housing units occupied by owners and 815 housing units occupied by renters. The U.S. Census Bureau average household size for Illinois in the 2000 census was 2.63 and the average family size was 3.23, in comparison the average household size of the Village was 2.70 and the average family size is 3.20.

2000 Census Housing Statistics

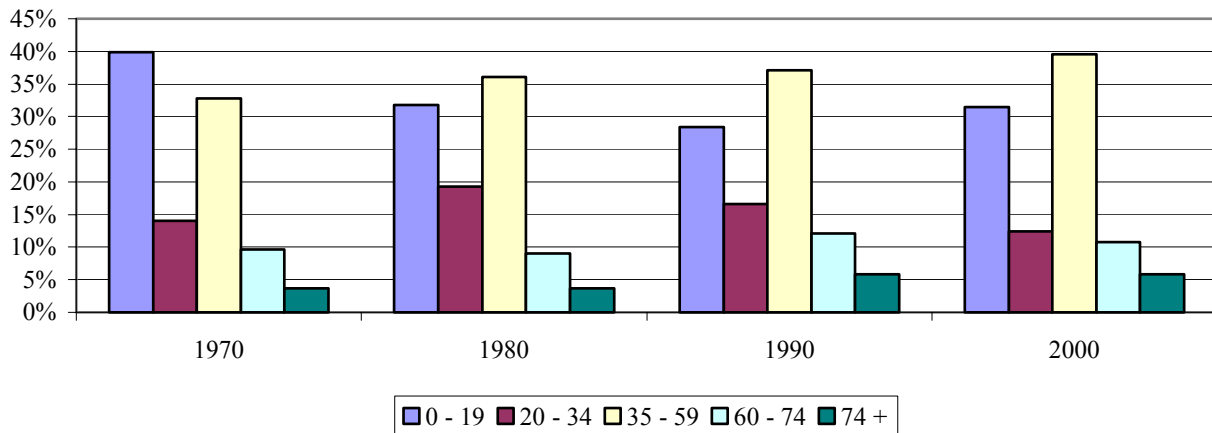
Total Households:	3,767
Average Household Size:	2.70
Average Family Size:	3.20
# of Owner Occupied Units:	2,952
# of Renter Occupied Units:	815

In terms of housing characteristics, the Village includes high quality housing stock, with a median housing price of \$329,900 according to the 2000 census (the Illinois Association of Realtors reported that the median price of houses sold in Barrington in 2001 was \$315,286). Over 84% of the houses in Barrington cost more than \$200,000 according to the 2000 census (58% of these cost more than \$300,000).

Age, Racial, and Gender Distribution of the Population

An important demographic characteristic is the age distribution of the Village's population. The age profile is used by the Village and other agencies in targeting services to the residents of the community. Barrington, similar to the national trend, is experiencing an upward trend in its median age which went from a 1970 level of 31.1 years to a 2000 median age of 38.6 years.

Age Distribution of Population, 1970 - 2000



In terms of the racial and gender composition of the population, the majority of the population in Barrington in the 2000 census was Caucasian not of Hispanic/Latino origin. The next largest racial group in the community was Asian-Americans, who comprised 2.01% of the total population. There were slightly more females in the community than males.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Caucasian	9,778	96.2%
African-American	63	0.6%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	13	0.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	204	2.0%
Other Race/More than One	110	1.1%
Total Population	10,168	100.0%
Hispanic/Latino Origin	237	2.3%
Male	4,829	47.5%
Female	5,339	52.5%

Education, Employment, and Income

According to the 2000 census, slightly more than 58% of Village residents 25 years of age or older have attained a college degree, including 24% of residents who have either a graduate or professional degree. This is much higher than either the State of Illinois or National averages (26.1% and 24.4%, respectively). Another 22% of residents who are age 25 or older have attended some college or attained an Associates degree. Slightly more than 94% of Village residents 25 or older have attained their high school diploma (or equivalent), which is also much higher than the averages for the State of Illinois and the United States as a whole (81.4% and 80.4% respectively).

The educational achievements of Village residents may help to explain the low numbers of Village residents who are unemployed. The number of unemployed persons in Barrington was 1.8% in 1999, 1.9% in 2000 and 2.5% in 2001. As demonstrated in the following chart, Barrington consistently has an unemployment rate that is lower than either the Statewide or National average.

Unemployment Rates			
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Barrington	1.80%	1.90%	2.50%
Illinois	4.30%	4.40%	5.40%
United States	4.20%	4.00%	4.80%

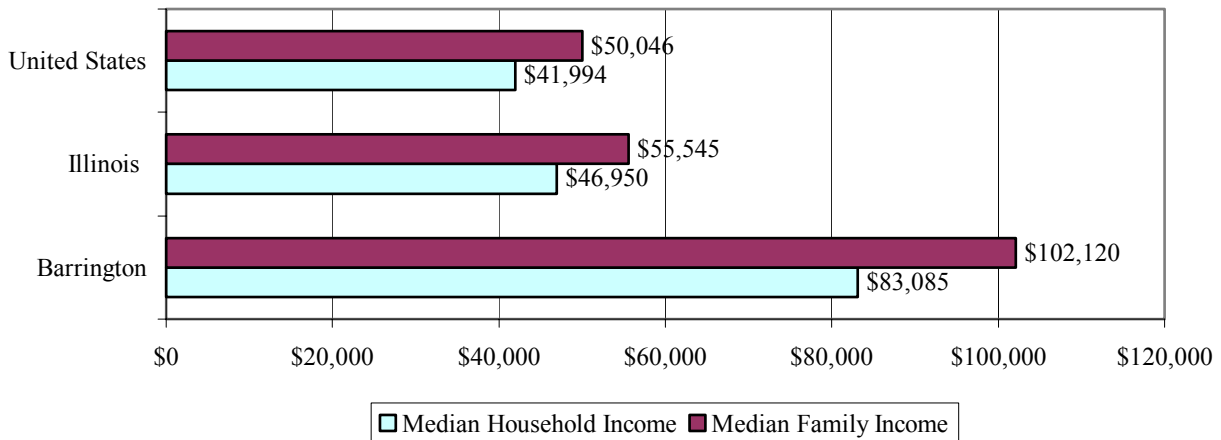
In terms of type of employment, according to the 2000 census the majority of employed persons who reside in Barrington are employed in white-collar or service sector jobs (approximately 64% of Village residents are employed in one of four sectors of the economy, these sectors include: Wholesale and Retail; Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing; Professional, Scientific, and Management; and Educational, Health, and Social Services).

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number of Employed Residents</u>	<u>Percent of Employed Residents</u>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, Mining	17	0.4%
Construction	134	2.9%
Manufacturing	723	15.6%
Wholesale & Retail Trades	736	15.9%
Transportation & Warehousing, Utilities	132	2.8%
Information	269	5.8%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	607	13.1%
Professional, Scientific, Management	830	17.9%
Educational, Health & Social Services	785	16.9%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation	180	3.9%
Public Administration	90	1.9%
Other Services	130	2.8%
Total:	4,633	100.0%

The level of education and type of employment for Village residents probably explain the very low number of people who live in Barrington in poverty; in the 2000 census only 2.3% of households and 3.1% of individuals in the community had incomes below the poverty line. Fifty-five (55%) percent of the family households living in poverty were families with a female head of household (no husband present) with children under the age of 18.

In terms of income, both the household and family income levels in Barrington are high when compared to either the national or statewide averages. The median household income of Barrington is \$83,085 which is \$36,135 (76.96%) higher than the average for Illinois and \$41,091 (97.85%) higher than the national average.

Comparison of Median Incomes, 2000 Census



Transportation

Major Roads and Highways: Northwest Highway (Illinois Route 14), Illinois Route 59, and Lake-Cook Road. Interstate 90 intersects Illinois Route 59 approximately 6 miles south of the Village.

Public Transportation: The Village center includes a railroad station which offers Metra commuter rail services to and from Chicago; the train ride takes approximately an hour. The Village also offers a PACE Bus Dial-A-Ride service for the handicapped and elderly.

Airports: The Village is located approximately 25 miles from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Education

The Village of Barrington is included in Unit School District 220 which includes elementary and secondary educational facilities. This school district is one of the best in the State as reflected in the high test scores the students achieve at every educational level (elementary, middle school, and high school) within the district. Included in the corporate boundaries of the Village are 4 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 1 high school. In 2001 the Unit 220 School District served 3,905 elementary students, 1,975 middle school students, and 2,430 high school students.

2001 School Statistics

Student – Staff Ratio, Elementary Schools 2001:	20:1
Student – Staff Ratio, Secondary Schools 2001:	19.5:1
High School Graduation Rate 2001:	95.8%
% of Students Taking College Entrance Exams:	82.9%

Percent of Students Achieving at least Satisfactory Performance on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)						
	<u>Barrington Elementary District</u>	<u>Statewide Elementary Average</u>	<u>Barrington Middle School District</u>	<u>Statewide Middle School Average</u>	<u>Barrington High School District</u>	<u>Statewide High School Average</u>
Reading	93.0%	62.0%	84.0%	66.0%	80.0%	58.0%
Mathematics	99.0%	74.0%	78.0%	50.0%	77.0%	54.0%
Writing	85.0%	58.0%	87.0%	62.0%	84.0%	59.0%
Science	86.0%	65.0%	88.0%	72.0%	75.0%	50.0%
Social Science	87.0%	61.0%	81.0%	60.0%	82.0%	58.0%

Municipal Services and Facilities

The Village provides residents of Barrington with a full range of municipal services, including Police Protection; Fire Protection; Street Maintenance; Forestry Services; Utilities (including Water, Wastewater, and Recycling and Refuse); and Parking. The Village also provides, through intergovernmental agreements, certain services to adjacent areas including Water and Wastewater services to areas within Barrington Hills and the Village of Inverness; Police Protection to all of the Village of Inverness (population - 6,749); and Fire/EMS services to the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (population – 25,000). Service statistics for the Village include:

Center Lane Miles of Streets

State	25
County	2
Village	55

Number of Street Lights 795

Fire Protection

Number of Stations	2
Number of Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics	17
ISO Rating	4

Police Protection

Number of Stations	1
Number of Sworn Officers	34

Municipal Water

Number of Metered Customers	4,045
Average Daily Consumption	1,199,367
Capacity – Gallons per Day	5,760,000
Average Daily Production	1,440,151
Miles of Water Main	86

Municipal Sewers

Miles of Sanitary Sewers	62
Miles of Storm Sewers	49